

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A template having alignment marks formed thereon, said template comprising:

a body having a patterning area, with said alignment marks being disposed on a region of template outside of said patterning areas and being formed from a metal that is opaque to a selective wavelength of light.

2. The template as recited in claim 1 wherein said body further includes a moat surrounding said alignment marks.

3. The template as recited in claim 1 wherein said material is a metal.

4. The template as recited in claim 1 wherein said metal is selected from a set consisting of chromium and nickel.

5. The template as recited in claim 1 further including an additional set of alignment marks, with said additional alignment marks being formed in said patterning areas.

6. The template as recited in claim 1 wherein said template is transparent to said selective wavelength of light.

7. The template as recited in claim 1 wherein said template is transparent to a second wavelength of light that differs from said selective wavelength of light, with said alignment marks being transparent to said second wavelength of light.

8. The template as recited in claim 1 wherein said template further includes a mold, with said patterning areas being disposed within a first region of said mold and further including an additional set of alignment marks with said alignment marks and said additional set of alignment marks defining first and second sets of alignment marks, with said first set of alignment marks being disposed within said mold and said second set being disposed outside of said mold.

9. The template as recited in claim 1 wherein said template is formed from quartz.

10. A template having alignment marks formed thereon, said template comprising:

a body having a patterning area, defining a mold, with said alignment marks being arranged in first and second sets formed from a metal that is opaque to a selective wavelength of light, with said first set being disposed on a region of said template outside of said mold and said second set being disposed within said mold.

11. The template as recited in claim 10 wherein said body further includes a first moat surrounding said first set and a second moat surrounding said second set.

12. The template as recited in claim 10 wherein said material is a metal.

13. The template as recited in claim 10 wherein said material is selected from a set consisting of chromium and nickel.

14. The template as recited in claim 10 wherein said template is transparent to said selective wavelength of light.

15. The template as recited in claim 10 wherein said template is transparent to a second wavelength of light that differs from said selective wavelength of light, with said alignment marks being transparent to said second wavelength of light.

16. A template having alignment marks formed thereon, said template comprising:

a body having a patterning area, defining a mold, with said alignment marks being arranged in first and second sets formed from a metal that is opaque to a selective wavelength of light, with said first set being disposed on a region of said template outside of said mold and said second set being disposed within said mold, with said body further includes a first moat surrounding said first set and a second moat surrounding said second set, and said material being a metal.

17. The template as recited in claim 16 wherein said material is selected from a set consisting of chromium and nickel.

18. The template as recited in claim 17 wherein said template is transparent to said selective wavelength of light.

19. The template as recited in claim 18 wherein said template is transparent to a second wavelength of light that differs from said selective wavelength of light, with said alignment marks being transparent to said second wavelength of light.

20. The template as recited in claim 19 wherein said template is formed from quartz.